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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EGEN XH NATO  
SUBJ: ECONADS: REPORT ON RECENT SOV/EE ECONOMIC TRENDS FOR  
NATO SUMMIT

1. WE HAVE ALREADY POUCHED EO/EC/77/22, "RECENT ECONOMIC  
TRENDS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE", TO RPE-  
SWARTZ. WE ARE ALSO ASKING SECDEF PARTY HERE FOR AWACS DPC  
MINISTERIAL TO HAND CARRY ANOTHER COPY ON THEIR RETURN  
TO WASHINGTON AS BACK-UP. THIS IS A STANDARD SEMI-ANNUAL  
REPORT INTENDED AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR EACH NATOMIN.

2. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL RECALL, SHORT LEAD TIMES  
HAVE IN THE PAST OFTEN MEANT THAT THE FINAL REPORT HAS BEEN  
SUBMITTED TO THE NAC ON THE PERSONAL AUTHORITY OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF THE NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE, RATHER THAN AS  
A REPORT APPROVED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

3. OUR IMPRESSION OF THE PRESENT REPORT IS FAVORABLE,  
AND WHILE WE MIGHT QUIBBLE WITH MINOR POINTS OF DETAIL  
OR STYLE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD GIVE EARLY APPROVAL TO THE  
DIRECTORATE DRAFT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON  
REVIEW AND COMMENTS IN TIME FOR MARCH 31 ECONADS  
MEETING, WHEN IT WILL AGAIN BE ON THE AGENDA. DISCUSSION  
AT THE MARCH 24 MEETING WAS LIMITED BY THE FACT NO  
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FRENCH VERSION HAD AS YET BEEN ISSUED. THE ONLY CONCRETE  
SUGGESTION CAME FROM THE GREEK REP (CORANTIS), WHO FELT  
THAT MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE INCREASE OF INTRA-CEMA  
PRICE OF SOVIET PETROLEUM.

4. WE PLAN TO SHARE ADVANCE DRAFT OF OER-ZOETER REPORT  
ON EE HARD CURRENCY DEBT (FROM WHICH KOVACH DREW AT  
MARCH 22-23 ECONADS EXPERT MEETING) WITH DIRECTORATE  
ON A BACKGROUND BASIS TO UPDATE CERTAIN FIGURES. OUR  
INITIAL COMPARISON OF THE DIRECTORATE REPORT WITH THE

ZOETER DRAFT AND ER77-10035U INDICATES THEY TRACK FAIRLY CLOSELY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY WASHINGTON COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY. IN ABSENCE OF CONTRARY INSTRUCTIONS WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DELAY ECONADS APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTORATE REPORT BEYOND APRIL MEETING AND WOULD PREFER TO BE ABLE TO CONCUR ON MARCH 31. STRAUZ-HUPE

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